

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method of treating a neurotic disorder, said method comprising administration of a pharmaceutically effective amount of escitalopram or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to a patient in need thereof.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically effective amount of escitalopram or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is in a unit dose form.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the unit dose contains 1.0 to 50 mg/day of escitalopram or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
4. The method of claim 2, wherein the unit dose contains 5 to 40 mg/day of escitalopram or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
5. The method of claim 2, wherein the unit dose contains 10 to 20 mg/day of escitalopram or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein said neurotic disorder is generalized anxiety disorder.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein said neurotic disorder is social anxiety disorder.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein said neurotic disorder is post traumatic stress disorder.
9. The method of claim 1, wherein said neurotic disorder is obsessive compulsive disorder.
10. The method of claim 1, wherein said neurotic disorder is panic attacks.
11. The method of claim 1, wherein said neurotic disorder is panic disorder.
12. The method of claim 1, wherein said neurotic disorder is specific phobias.
13. The method of claim 1, wherein said neurotic disorder is social phobia.
14. The method of claim 1, wherein said neurotic disorder is agoraphobia.